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Ustad Samman Samagam
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to launch a programme called 'Ustad Samman Samagam' with the aim to encourage artisans from minority communities and offer them market exposure and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government is also contemplating to launch Tehreek-e-Taleem to commemorate the birth anniversary of former President APJ Abdul Kalam;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the focus of the programme would be on schools in 100 districts and the specific goals would be teachers, tiffin and toilets; and

(e) if so, the modus operandi worked out in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF
MINORITY AFFAIRS

(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a) It has been decided to add a component "USTTAD SAMMAN SAMAGAM" in the existing scheme of USTTAD for which necessary procedure are being followed.

(b) to (e) The Ministry Of Minority Affairs proposes to launch 'Tahreek-e-Taleem" this year on 15 October on the occasion of the birthday of Late Sh. APJ Abdul Kalam Ji, in which a special campaign for spreading the awareness on the educational schemes being implemented by the Ministry would be highlighted amongst the minority communities. To start with, the mission of "Tahreek-e-Taleem" will be taken up in 100 districts of the country. The Ministry implements the following Schemes throughout the country, including the rural areas, for educational empowerment of six notified minority communities namely Muslim, Christian, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain and Parsi (Zoroastrians). The schemes are as under:

(i) Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme (for Class I to X);

(ii) Post-Matric Scholarship Scheme (for Class XI to Ph.D.);

(iii) Merit-cum-Means based Scholarship Scheme (For Professional and Technical courses);

(iv) Free Coaching & Allied Scheme (for preparation of Competitive Examinations of Professional Courses and Government jobs);

(v) Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) (for M.Phil&Ph.D);

(vi) Support for Minority students clearing prelims exam, conducted by Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), Staff Selection Commission (SSC) and State Public Service Commissions (SPSCs)

(vii) Padho Pardes: Interest subsidy scheme for students studying overseas at Masters, M.Phil. and Ph.D. Level and

(viii) Schemes of Maulana Azad Education Foundation:- (a) Grants-in-aid to NGOs for educational infrastructure development; and (b) Begum Hazrat Mahal National Scholarship for Meritorious Girl Students belonging to Minorities studying in Class Xlth and XIIth.

The Maulana Azad Education Foundation has decided to provide Teachers, Tiffin and Toilets in Madarsas. MAEF has also launched the scheme of 'Swachh Vidayalaya' under which Foundation would provide grant to the Schools/Institutions/Madarsas for construction of toilet blocks.

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